

§ 1665.8. Grant Program.

Title 14. Natural Resources

Division 1.5. Department of Forestry and Fire Protection

Chapter 13. State Responsibility Area Fees

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(a) When funds are appropriated by the Legislature for this purpose, the Board shall administer the Fire Prevention Fund Grant Program a granting program funded from the Fees collected. Grants shall be awarded to organizations within counties in direct proportion to the Fees paid by individual property owners in that county. Grants shall be awarded to organizations providing fire prevention activities, including, but not limited to those specified below, that benefit the owners of structures within the State Responsibility Area (SRA).

(1) Public education to reduce fire risk in the SRA.

(2) Creation of strategic wildfire planning documents, such as a Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP)

(3) Create or maintain fuelbreaks in strategic locations, as identified in the in the Cal Fire Unit Fire Plan or a Community Wildfire Protection Plan, for the protection of communities within the SRA.

(4) Remove ladder fuels to reduce the risk of crown fires and the production of flying embers that can cause spot fires during wildfire activity.

(5) Reduce fuel loading in critical locations to reduce wildfire intensity and rate of spread.

(6) Community level fire prevention programs such as community chipping days, roadside chipping, and green waste bin programs.

(7) Modify vegetation adjacent to roads to provide for safer ingress and egress of evacuating residents and responding emergency personnel during wildfire activities.

(8) Reduce fuel loading around critical firefighting infrastructure, including, but not limited to, fire hydrants, water drafting locations, and staging areas.

(9) Equipment purchases.

(10) Other activities designed to reduce fire risk to structures in the SRA. These will need to explain the benefit to structures within the project area.

(b) Grants shall be distributed commensurate with the amount collected from owners within the SRA. In order to allow for strategic, large projects to occur, the equitable distribution of funds will be measured over the following spatial and temporal scales.

(1) The Cal Fire Unit shall act as the geographic boundaries when accounting for project expenditures.

(2) Expenditures over a 5 year period from this Grant program in any Cal Fire Unit will be proportional to the amount of moneys received from that Cal Fire Unit, and the amount appropriated by the Legislature for these purposes.

(3) Funding will be determined to have been awarded proportionally if it is within 10% of the calculated benefit amount determined in subsection (2) above.

(c) Grant will only be awarded in Counties that contain SRA and are in compliance with the Board's fire safe regulations, 14 CCR 1270, et seq., as required by Public Resources Code 4290. The following organizations shall be eligible to participate in Fire Prevention Fund Grant Program specified above.

(1) Counties.

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(2) Local Agencies or Special Districts, such as Fire Protection Districts or Resource Conservation Districts.

(3) Fire Safe Councils

(4) The California Conservation Corps or other certified local conservation corps.

(5) Qualified non-profit organizations with a demonstrated ability to satisfactorily plan, implement, and complete the proposed fire prevention project.

~~(b) Grants awarded from the Fire Prevention Fund shall be awarded to local agencies, Fire Protection Districts, Fire Safe Councils, the California Conservation Corps, and other organizations accepted by the Board. Grants will only be awarded in those counties that are in compliance with the Board's fire safe regulations, 14 CCR Section 1270, et seq., as required pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 4290.~~

Note: Authority cited: Sections 4212 and 4214, Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 4102, 4111, 4112, 4113, 4114, 4740 and 4741, Public Resources Code.

HISTORY

1. New section filed 1-23-2012 as an emergency; operative 1-23-2012 (Register 2012, No. 4). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 7-23-2012 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.
 2. New section refiled 7-9-2012 as an emergency; operative 7-24-2012 (Register 2012, No. 28). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 10-22-2012 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.
 3. New section refiled 10-18-2012 as an emergency; operative 10-23-2012 (Register 2012, No. 42). A Certificate of Compliance must be transmitted to OAL by 1-22-2013 or emergency language will be repealed by operation of law on the following day.
 4. Certificate of Compliance as to 10-18-2012 order, including amendment of subsections (a) and (b) and repealer of subsections (b)(1)-(4), transmitted to OAL 1-22-2013 and filed 3-6-2013; amendments effective 7-1-2013 pursuant to Government Code section 11343.4(a)(3) (Register 2013, No. 10). This database is current through 5/23/14 Register 2014, No. 21
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